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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is a division of Application Serial No. 10/434,174, (filed on May 9,

2003), which is a division of Application Serial No. 09/785,234, filed on February 20, 2001

(now U.S. Patent No. 6,567,637) which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese

Patent Application No. 2000-039843 (filed February 17, 2000), the entire contents of each of

which is incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 28 and 29 are currently pending. Claims 1-27 are canceled without prejudice

or disclaimer, and new claims 28 and 29 are added, by the present amendment. Applicants

respectfully submit that support for new claims 28 and 29 is self-evident from the disclosure

as originally filed, including Figures 2, 3A, and 3B, and the originally-filed claims. The

specification has been amended to include a cross reference to related applications. No new

subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

Accordingly, examination of the present application on the merits is believed to be in

order. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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